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Summary

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In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Data Reports (RADR) internet website at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
July, August and September 2005
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
July, August and September 2005
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report
July, August and September 2005

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

July – September 2005

Investigation Requests

- 35,105 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 11,702 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.40% of the 487,876 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during July – September 2005).
- 34,396 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 35,105 investigation requests received.
 - 22,159 (65%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - 5,277 (15%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 3,895 (11%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 3,065 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 97,922 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 63,526 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 34,396 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 31,084 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 32% of the 97,922 total investigations available.
 - 11,507 (37%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 19,577 (63%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 31,084 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 6,408 (21%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 1,794 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,717 (6%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,714 (6%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 710 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 93 (.30%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 67 (.22%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 31,084 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 2,556 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 1,870 (73%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 686 (27%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 2,556 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - 560 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 560 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - 511 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$4,539,580 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$4,484,659 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights July – September 2005

Investigation Requests

- 54,780 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 18,260 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.59% of the 703,869 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during July – September 2005).
- 53,808 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 54,780 investigation requests received.
 - 30,499 (57%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - 10,580 (19%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 8,969 (17%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 3,760 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 162,330 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 108,522 (67%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 53,808 (33%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 47,351 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 29% of the 162,330 total investigations available.
 - 16,786 (35%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 30,565 (65%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 47,351 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 9,226 (19%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 2,583 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,461 (5%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 2,427 (5%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 837 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 95 (.20%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - 33 (.07%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 47,351 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,233 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 2,408 (74%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 825 (26%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,233 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - 647 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 20% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 647 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - 569 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$3,275,052 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,691,809 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**July – September 2005**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	26	21	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 2005

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	487,876	35,105	34,396	31,084	11,507	19,577	67,063
Alameda	19,413	497	496	434	240	194	920
Alpine	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	257	24	24	25	8	17	67
Butte	3,894	370	365	254	101	153	751
Calaveras	385	250	250	250	100	150	0
Colusa	186	12	12	57	1	56	9
Contra Costa	8,867	211	200	167	111	56	150
Del Norte	904	13	13	5	4	1	100
El Dorado	1,004	67	67	57	33	24	387
Fresno	24,274	285	284	240	147	93	1,234
Glenn	502	131	131	122	34	88	97
Humboldt	1,966	116	116	112	58	54	85
Imperial	3,889	118	118	124	65	59	642
Inyo	146	5	5	3	3	0	43
Kern	17,602	865	864	883	525	358	577
Kings	2,673	517	517	510	134	376	286
Lake	1,175	69	69	81	34	47	93
Lassen	467	39	39	33	5	28	16
Los Angeles	163,199	7,924	7,611	6,099	2,122	3,977	44,382
Madera	3,062	427	427	420	43	377	160
Marin	983	44	44	39	24	15	388
Mariposa	194	8	8	8	5	3	36
Mendocino	1,578	54	54	70	56	14	492
Merced	6,942	307	282	276	127	149	496
Modoc	198	60	60	75	23	52	19
Mono	47	1	1	1	0	1	2
Monterey	4,310	325	319	225	66	159	307
Napa	533	33	33	33	15	18	155
Nevada	580	10	4	12	7	5	66
Orange	16,789	2,145	2,145	2,248	1,226	1,022	813
Placer	1,437	32	32	32	15	17	159
Plumas	168	30	30	32	21	11	3
Riverside	20,058	6,240	6,228	5,981	1,212	4,769	988
Sacramento	29,556	1,053	984	1,048	569	479	1,224
San Benito	680	27	27	27	12	15	22
San Bernardino	32,875	3,206	3,206	1,838	938	900	2,198
San Diego	23,852	3,858	3,713	3,950	962	2,988	871
San Francisco	5,852	263	263	225	225	0	2,300
San Joaquin	14,243	175	175	211	128	83	194
San Luis Obispo	1,726	98	98	148	81	67	198
San Mateo	2,506	233	233	8	8	0	1,080
Santa Barbara	4,036	173	172	173	90	83	169
Santa Clara	15,172	479	414	354	159	195	247
Santa Cruz	2,219	277	272	241	68	173	148
Shasta	3,446	269	269	294	175	119	233
Sierra	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	891	254	254	176	95	81	119
Solano	4,822	669	662	670	232	438	838
Sonoma	2,912	97	97	118	58	60	204
Stanislaus	9,380	811	788	649	361	288	1,157
Sutter	1,176	247	247	283	125	158	19
Tehama	1,219	183	183	179	82	97	52
Trinity	209	33	33	28	0	28	39
Tulare	12,830	168	168	260	33	227	807
Tuolumne	618	182	169	181	92	89	69
Ventura	5,911	291	291	291	121	170	398
Yolo	2,170	94	94	85	26	59	528
Yuba	1,839	736	736	739	302	437	26

^{a/} Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

^{b/} Data is from DPA 266 September 2005 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 July 2005 Item 4 was 63,526.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 2005

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	22,159	3,895	3,065	1,091	924	227	3,035
Alameda	363	19	51	20	8	11	24
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	8	3	3	2	8
Butte	49	7	121	27	19	8	134
Calaveras	179	0	31	8	7	5	20
Colusa	0	0	1	6	0	0	5
Contra Costa	117	43	11	8	0	0	21
Del Norte	3	2	1	1	0	1	5
El Dorado	5	5	19	12	5	4	17
Fresno	120	26	79	26	23	3	7
Glenn	51	5	39	16	11	6	3
Humboldt	30	1	36	15	0	1	33
Imperial	62	0	19	8	24	1	4
Inyo	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kern	333	42	271	99	32	9	78
Kings	415	0	52	18	15	1	16
Lake	1	1	40	4	7	0	16
Lassen	25	0	10	0	2	2	0
Los Angeles	3,657	2,982	59	51	0	9	853
Madera	359	6	30	14	3	1	14
Marin	5	10	1	4	2	1	21
Mariposa	2	0	2	3	0	0	1
Mendocino	1	32	8	2	3	4	4
Merced	55	7	89	38	20	4	69
Modoc	53	0	2	2	1	0	2
Mono	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Monterey	111	20	16	7	47	4	114
Napa	2	0	8	7	4	0	12
Nevada	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Orange	1,918	36	56	54	7	2	72
Placer	0	0	13	1	6	4	8
Plumas	11	2	12	2	2	1	0
Riverside	5,566	109	291	65	20	16	161
Sacramento	755	0	88	31	27	0	83
San Benito	0	3	7	1	1	2	13
San Bernardino	1,658	16	582	108	284	12	546
San Diego	3,331	91	76	65	14	4	132
San Francisco	79	176	0	0	0	0	8
San Joaquin	102	3	32	6	3	0	29
San Luis Obispo	28	1	21	13	12	2	21
San Mateo	81	0	45	59	28	1	19
Santa Barbara	43	1	56	22	7	0	43
Santa Clara	264	73	44	12	4	4	13
Santa Cruz	235	5	5	11	0	0	16
Shasta	143	0	81	17	2	2	24
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	75	0	46	12	43	69	9
Solano	491	67	36	14	8	0	46
Sonoma	28	23	22	7	0	0	17
Stanislaus	122	57	326	44	161	1	77
Sutter	187	1	11	21	5	1	21
Tehama	66	3	48	27	6	4	29
Trinity	11	0	3	0	4	1	14
Tulare	0	13	94	32	5	1	23
Tuolumne	145	0	11	1	2	0	10
Ventura	190	0	0	25	7	10	59
Yolo	37	6	22	10	4	1	14
Yuba	591	1	32	28	25	12	47

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 2005

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	6,408	710	67	1,714	1,717	1,794	93
Alameda	189	17	0	18	2	14	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	4	2	0	0	4	0	0
Butte	58	10	0	8	36	0	1
Calaveras	69	5	0	2	20	3	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Contra Costa	12	6	1	25	0	67	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
El Dorado	2	0	0	7	11	25	0
Fresno	32	55	36	0	34	0	6
Glenn	6	0	0	3	18	7	0
Humboldt	23	5	0	11	29	4	0
Imperial	35	2	0	3	5	9	0
Inyo	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	176	59	0	69	189	56	2
Kings	100	7	0	1	14	12	0
Lake	4	4	0	8	21	3	1
Lassen	6	0	0	0	2	0	0
Los Angeles	1,047	189	0	627	9	731	0
Madera	8	6	0	3	20	6	0
Marin	2	5	0	4	10	3	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Mendocino	1	0	0	54	0	1	0
Merced	18	13	0	9	99	16	0
Modoc	18	2	0	2	0	2	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	53	10	0	4	16	5	1
Napa	3	1	0	5	3	3	0
Nevada	3	0	0	0	1	3	0
Orange	763	21	17	65	349	166	0
Placer	1	0	0	1	11	2	0
Plumas	6	0	0	2	6	7	0
Riverside	1,096	24	0	89	2	1	0
Sacramento	366	3	0	172	26	2	61
San Benito	4	1	0	2	4	1	0
San Bernardino	473	20	0	39	304	154	0
San Diego	718	36	13	166	1	78	0
San Francisco	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	89	23	0	0	5	11	0
San Luis Obispo	23	5	0	6	49	8	3
San Mateo	52	7	0	17	37	17	0
Santa Barbara	14	11	0	28	39	12	0
Santa Clara	109	9	0	3	6	32	2
Santa Cruz	48	6	0	3	11	0	0
Shasta	58	10	0	16	29	62	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	2	0	0	11	20	62	0
Solano	129	10	0	26	20	24	0
Sonoma	16	2	0	58	14	22	5
Stanislaus	83	6	0	96	179	69	8
Sutter	65	5	0	11	18	33	0
Tehama	4	62	0	0	5	11	0
Trinity	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tulare	0	23	0	5	5	0	2
Tuolumne	56	2	0	2	11	23	0
Ventura	120	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	8	14	0	4	0	1	0
Yuba	232	2	0	27	16	25	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 2005

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	686	2,556	560	82
Alameda	17	419	8	6
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	7	22	11	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	20	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	52	162	58	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	6	9	5	0
Imperial	0	43	0	0
Inyo	3	3	0	0
Kern	52	106	31	1
Kings	7	12	9	1
Lake	4	9	1	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	189	353	112	10
Madera	6	6	6	0
Marin	5	7	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	4	0	0
Merced	12	68	34	8
Modoc	2	2	1	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	10	47	9	0
Napa	1	11	0	3
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	19	61	23	1
Placer	0	43	0	0
Plumas	0	2	1	0
Riverside	35	44	33	0
Sacramento	3	395	10	2
San Benito	1	1	0	1
San Bernardino	23	25	24	0
San Diego	36	54	37	2
San Francisco	6	103	6	0
San Joaquin	23	114	26	0
San Luis Obispo	63	63	4	40
San Mateo	6	8	7	0
Santa Barbara	11	11	7	4
Santa Clara	9	30	15	1
Santa Cruz	6	7	5	0
Shasta	10	13	13	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	10	170	11	1
Sonoma	2	5	0	0
Stanislaus	6	6	6	0
Sutter	5	5	5	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	23	23	23	0
Tuolumne	2	4	0	1
Ventura	1	31	4	0
Yolo	9	9	9	0
Yuba	2	19	3	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2005 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2005's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 2005

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	511	6	9	106	83	9	17	1
Alameda	15	0	0	0	13	0	6	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	6	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	43	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kern	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lake	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	101	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Madera	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Merced	9	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Modoc	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	38	5	0	0	9	9	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Riverside	44	0	0	58	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	12	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	14	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
San Diego	35	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	27	0	0	0	3	0	6	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	9	0	3	4	2	0	0	0
Santa Clara	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	16	0	0	16	2	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 2005

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,539,580	\$4,484,659
Alameda	158,564	390,530
Alpine	0	0
Amador	0	596
Butte	76,419	12,091
Calaveras	8,240	1,132
Colusa	600	13
Contra Costa	56,143	55,365
Del Norte	5,497	4,616
El Dorado	12,592	26,178
Fresno	65,949	182,916
Glenn	2,505	4,745
Humboldt	11,199	10,009
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	500	201
Kern	241,166	108,517
Kings	11,228	46,277
Lake	918	2,754
Lassen	0	2,413
Los Angeles	1,213,693	1,419,963
Madera	14,299	35,163
Marin	15,760	14,404
Mariposa	260	823
Mendocino	31,023	25,878
Merced a/	37,415	28,460
Modoc	2,380	50
Mono	0	0
Monterey	33,347	70,230
Napa	11,410	4,496
Nevada	0	5,932
Orange	164,265	136,244
Placer b/	426	30,536
Plumas	681	1,758
Riverside a/	230,936	194,243
Sacramento b/	432,783	211,744
San Benito	9,171	25,486
San Bernardino a/	129,599	180,299
San Diego	371,196	340,774
San Francisco	75,900	128,891
San Joaquin	84,450	43,403
San Luis Obispo	23,527	2,178
San Mateo	33,772	4,987
Santa Barbara	53,699	136,109
Santa Clara b/	232,794	182,559
Santa Cruz b/	57,942	2,418
Shasta	67,712	14,855
Sierra	0	744
Siskiyou	8,622	6,290
Solano	59,022	90,033
Sonoma	38,926	61,794
Stanislaus a/	95,857	122,288
Sutter	11,555	3,974
Tehama	0	1,303
Trinity	0	888
Tulare	297,405	24,826
Tuolumne	6,938	3,844
Ventura	14,153	65,995
Yolo b/	13,088	0
Yuba	14,054	12,446

a/ Merced, Riverside, San Bernardino and Stanislaus' collections data was generated by C-IV system and may be incomplete/incorrect for this period.

b/ Placer, Sacramento, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Yolo's collections data was generated by CalWIN system and may be incomplete/incorrect for this period.

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 2005

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	703,869	54,780	53,808	47,351	16,786	30,565	115,210
Alameda	27,596	1,106	1,105	1,042	523	519	978
Alpine	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	503	37	37	39	8	31	87
Butte	6,944	422	417	298	131	167	775
Calaveras	764	509	509	509	184	325	0
Colusa	443	19	19	73	3	70	12
Contra Costa	12,131	319	306	261	166	95	288
Del Norte	1,647	19	19	8	6	2	129
El Dorado	1,863	95	95	115	59	56	354
Fresno	40,403	374	372	285	175	110	1,003
Glenn	876	266	266	244	63	181	209
Humboldt	5,111	157	157	149	73	76	104
Imperial	5,954	125	125	128	68	60	706
Inyo	420	5	5	3	3	0	54
Kern	18,364	1,202	1,201	1,204	792	412	684
Kings	5,239	697	697	685	180	505	345
Lake	2,362	122	122	133	65	68	128
Lassen	830	56	56	42	10	32	25
Los Angeles	284,887	17,238	16,752	10,989	3,206	7,783	85,003
Madera	5,360	706	706	691	56	635	189
Marin	1,536	136	136	130	56	74	1,000
Mariposa	367	8	8	8	5	3	51
Mendocino	3,696	120	120	89	65	24	581
Merced	3,469	477	447	420	185	235	558
Modoc	310	139	139	162	60	102	42
Mono	131	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	6,862	474	469	336	75	261	364
Napa	1,114	58	58	60	26	34	237
Nevada	1,014	22	18	22	17	5	81
Orange	30,774	2,496	2,495	2,864	1,590	1,274	280
Placer	0	40	40	40	22	18	181
Plumas	282	55	55	59	43	16	18
Riverside	19,012	10,620	10,608	10,261	2,070	8,191	1,486
Sacramento	40,185	816	746	926	624	302	3,383
San Benito	1,164	39	39	35	16	19	32
San Bernardino	16,410	2,206	2,206	2,658	1,187	1,471	433
San Diego	31,376	3,920	3,778	3,978	1,119	2,859	990
San Francisco	19,665	572	572	493	493	0	4,793
San Joaquin	19,486	183	183	222	143	79	223
San Luis Obispo	3,219	144	144	195	119	76	247
San Mateo	3,450	577	577	6	6	0	2,544
Santa Barbara	7,775	316	315	334	159	175	211
Santa Clara	0	1,072	963	946	333	613	363
Santa Cruz	1,531	823	818	596	143	453	315
Shasta	5,539	388	388	396	214	182	284
Sierra	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,752	706	706	569	316	253	183
Solano	6,736	779	772	766	272	494	1,156
Sonoma	6,024	196	196	233	98	135	616
Stanislaus	4,988	1,189	1,159	821	455	366	1,513
Sutter	2,037	345	345	390	176	214	24
Tehama	2,117	183	183	179	82	97	51
Trinity	378	78	78	50	0	50	63
Tulare	21,568	202	202	308	35	273	540
Tuolumne	1,206	331	283	303	157	146	106
Ventura	10,658	256	256	270	116	154	370
Yolo	3,390	166	166	144	51	93	790
Yuba	2,857	1,174	1,174	1,184	487	697	26

^{a/} Data is the monthly average of the Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

^{b/} Data is from DPA 266 September 2005 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 July 2005 Item 4 was 108,522.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 2005

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	30,499	10,580	3,760	1,539	1,386	448	5,596
Alameda	480	21	51	20	8	11	514
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	11	4	4	2	16
Butte	60	10	130	38	62	9	108
Calaveras	419	0	37	14	8	11	20
Colusa	0	0	2	6	0	0	11
Contra Costa	176	61	15	8	0	0	46
Del Norte	5	4	1	1	0	1	7
El Dorado	13	7	25	16	5	5	24
Fresno	144	43	94	29	20	3	39
Glenn	117	16	53	32	32	8	8
Humboldt	30	2	41	20	0	2	62
Imperial	66	0	19	12	24	1	3
Inyo	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kern	562	55	311	130	36	15	92
Kings	574	2	58	25	14	2	22
Lake	5	1	51	6	12	0	47
Lassen	36	0	12	1	4	3	0
Los Angeles	5,732	8,910	76	203	0	11	1,820
Madera	609	25	31	15	5	1	20
Marin	5	18	2	6	6	1	98
Mariposa	1	0	2	4	0	0	1
Mendocino	1	71	10	6	14	8	10
Merced	64	15	106	51	27	6	178
Modoc	125	1	5	4	2	0	2
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	127	28	23	8	66	7	210
Napa	3	0	13	11	5	0	26
Nevada	9	0	2	0	4	0	3
Orange	2,260	52	60	58	10	2	53
Placer	0	0	14	1	7	4	14
Plumas	31	3	13	4	3	1	0
Riverside	9,638	161	472	77	20	16	224
Sacramento	527	0	86	31	24	0	78
San Benito	0	3	7	1	1	10	17
San Bernardino	54	20	691	125	343	13	960
San Diego	3,403	189	73	84	15	7	7
San Francisco	112	397	0	0	0	0	63
San Joaquin	107	3	33	6	3	0	31
San Luis Obispo	36	5	26	16	27	5	29
San Mateo	221	0	66	107	129	2	52
Santa Barbara	155	4	63	26	10	2	55
Santa Clara	764	127	46	12	4	4	6
Santa Cruz	744	7	6	6	0	1	54
Shasta	239	0	89	25	6	2	27
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	302	0	52	27	78	227	20
Solano	534	126	36	18	11	0	47
Sonoma	34	38	23	11	0	2	88
Stanislaus	122	111	470	69	253	7	127
Sutter	297	1	13	22	9	0	3
Tehama	66	3	48	27	6	4	29
Trinity	42	0	4	0	5	1	26
Tulare	0	19	121	37	6	1	18
Tuolumne	243	1	13	4	9	0	13
Ventura	124	0	0	31	5	17	79
Yolo	75	18	23	17	4	1	28
Yuba	1,004	2	31	24	40	12	61

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 2005

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	9,226	837	95	2,427	2,461	2,583	33
Alameda	475	19	0	19	2	8	0
Alpine	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	4	2	0	0	4	0	0
Butte	83	11	0	9	42	1	1
Calaveras	148	5	0	2	25	4	0
Colusa	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Contra Costa	31	4	1	47	0	83	0
Del Norte	3	0	0	2	1	0	0
El Dorado	3	0	0	12	18	43	0
Fresno	35	61	45	0	36	0	3
Glenn	20	0	0	7	26	10	0
Humboldt	26	5	0	22	42	4	0
Imperial	37	2	0	4	6	10	0
Inyo	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	361	71	0	62	225	75	2
Kings	133	12	0	4	15	16	0
Lake	17	5	0	11	29	6	1
Lassen	13	0	0	0	2	0	0
Los Angeles	1,622	225	0	848	47	1,094	0
Madera	6	9	0	10	26	5	0
Marin	5	5	0	7	35	4	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Mendocino	1	0	0	54	7	3	1
Merced	33	19	0	16	157	19	0
Modoc	55	1	0	2	1	2	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	71	9	0	2	21	5	2
Napa	9	1	0	6	3	7	0
Nevada	9	1	0	0	4	3	0
Orange	989	34	26	87	465	82	0
Placer	1	0	0	1	18	2	0
Plumas	18	0	0	3	10	12	0
Riverside	1,890	31	0	143	4	2	0
Sacramento	362	5	0	253	4	0	0
San Benito	6	1	0	2	5	2	0
San Bernardino	325	25	0	102	536	199	0
San Diego	747	36	23	277	2	95	0
San Francisco	0	8	0	1	0	0	0
San Joaquin	100	21	0	0	8	14	0
San Luis Obispo	30	5	0	11	78	8	4
San Mateo	98	5	0	33	60	36	0
Santa Barbara	45	13	0	47	53	17	0
Santa Clara	174	8	0	3	7	141	2
Santa Cruz	109	7	0	3	24	0	0
Shasta	84	18	0	10	32	70	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	36	0	0	22	45	213	0
Solano	142	10	0	41	22	25	1
Sonoma	21	3	0	74	20	38	5
Stanislaus	90	7	0	119	212	111	8
Sutter	100	8	0	12	22	41	0
Tehama	4	62	0	0	5	11	0
Trinity	9	0	0	0	3	0	0
Tulare	0	24	0	6	5	0	2
Tuolumne	107	2	0	6	11	31	0
Ventura	110	6	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	16	26	0	6	0	3	0
Yuba	410	2	0	18	31	26	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 2005

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	825	3,233	647	104
Alameda	19	321	10	7
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	10	26	13	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	16	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	53	122	63	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	6	9	5	0
Imperial	0	44	0	0
Inyo	3	3	0	0
Kern	62	117	38	1
Kings	12	21	12	1
Lake	5	15	1	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	225	987	109	10
Madera	9	9	9	0
Marin	5	8	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	4	0	0
Merced	16	114	68	12
Modoc	1	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	9	50	8	0
Napa	1	14	0	3
Nevada	1	2	1	0
Orange	30	67	33	1
Placer	0	52	0	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	43	55	40	2
Sacramento	5	302	13	1
San Benito	1	3	0	1
San Bernardino	28	30	29	0
San Diego	36	87	35	2
San Francisco	8	150	8	0
San Joaquin	21	145	23	0
San Luis Obispo	86	86	4	49
San Mateo	6	10	4	0
Santa Barbara	13	13	9	4
Santa Clara	8	31	16	1
Santa Cruz	5	5	5	0
Shasta	18	22	14	7
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	10	165	10	1
Sonoma	3	6	0	0
Stanislaus	7	7	7	0
Sutter	8	8	8	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	24	24	24	0
Tuolumne	2	5	0	1
Ventura	6	28	5	0
Yolo	17	17	17	0
Yuba	2	21	3	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2005 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2005's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 2005

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	569	7	14	117	75	8	20	0
Alameda	16	0	0	0	12	0	7	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	43	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kern	56	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kings	12	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	103	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Madera	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Merced	18	0	0	0	6	0	4	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	46	5	0	0	8	8	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	51	0	0	67	3	0	0	0
Sacramento	12	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	18	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Diego	35	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Joaquin	26	0	0	1	2	0	6	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	10	1	4	5	2	0	0	0
Santa Clara	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	18	0	0	18	2	0	0	0
Tuolumne	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 2005

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,275,052	\$1,691,809
Alameda	70,532	126,669
Alpine	0	0
Amador	0	382
Butte	36,333	9,932
Calaveras	5,556	438
Colusa	400	1,002
Contra Costa	36,545	14,215
Del Norte	7,852	3,443
El Dorado	17,921	12,873
Fresno	37,190	169,089
Glenn	4,115	5,391
Humboldt	11,052	7,086
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	3,433	672
Kern	217,008	68,290
Kings	6,479	39,652
Lake	679	1,893
Lassen	0	383
Los Angeles	637,948	156,669
Madera	27,016	14,627
Marin	18,834	9,102
Mariposa	980	181
Mendocino	35,648	14,145
Merced a/	24,306	89,040
Modoc	296	300
Mono	0	0
Monterey	12,916	32,482
Napa	1,705	2,171
Nevada	0	3,514
Orange	143,763	57,598
Placer b/	0	18,285
Plumas	1,422	705
Riverside a/	233,773	243,097
Sacramento b/	473,839	51,206
San Benito	3,248	7,901
San Bernardino a/	209,088	82,722
San Diego	208,089	64,873
San Francisco	98,375	75,201
San Joaquin	38,209	20,650
San Luis Obispo	10,850	4,012
San Mateo	23,533	2,183
Santa Barbara	37,598	26,627
Santa Clara b/	100,669	68,697
Santa Cruz b/	26,262	2,165
Shasta	45,004	8,973
Sierra	0	327
Siskiyou	5,204	6,056
Solano	44,278	74,024
Sonoma	19,772	38,048
Stanislaus a/	133,668	16,302
Sutter	19,656	5,183
Tehama	0	851
Trinity	0	430
Tulare	108,517	15,515
Tuolumne	4,021	5,702
Ventura	39,708	4,281
Yolo b/	24,721	0
Yuba	7,041	6,554

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